Report of the enquiry commission on ONGC's well fire

*507. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 58 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 15th March, 1995 and state:

(a) whether the one-man Enquiry Commission set up to find out the causes of the blow-out of oil well near Amlapuram, Andhra Pradesh, which started on January 8, 1995 and continued for more than two months, has submitted its report;

(b) if so, what are the details of the recommendations made by the submitted its reports.

(c) whether the Commission has indicated top Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's officials for the blow-out; if so, what are the facts and details in this regard;

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take on each of the recommendations contained in the report; and

(e) what has been the extent of loss caused by the fire and the compensation given to the affected persons and how Government propose to rehabilitate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The report of the Enquiry Committee is being examined by the Government.

(e) the total loss incurred by ONGC due to the blow out is estimated to be about Rs. 31.5 crores.

ONGC will pay its liabilities towards compensation for damage to property as per the provisions of the Public Liability Insurance Act and Rules, 1991. Meanwhile, they have already deposited a sum of Rs. 55.50 lakhs with the District Administration for meeting various expenditure on relief and rehabilitation works.

Spurt in ISI activities through Rajasthan Sector

*508. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article published in the Punjab Kesri of April 13, 1995 under the caption "If ISI activities were not checked, India would have to face an attack by Pakistan"; if so. what is the reaction of Government to the increasing ISI activities through the Rajasthan sector;

(b) the number of infiltrators Bangladeshis, Pakistanis and others, arrested in 1994 and so far in 1995;

(c) whether it is a fact that smuggling of arms and narcotics is also on the increase in the Rajasthan sector; and

(d) whether Government of Rajasthan has brought these problems to the notice of Central Government and if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. After completion of entire work of border fencing/flood lighting in Punjab, there is hightened increase of terrorist antivities in Rajasthan. The State Government have also drawn attention of the Central Government to the spurt in the ISI activities. To counter such activities, border fencing/flood lighting work has been completed for a distance of 333/352 Kms. respectively in Ganganagar and Bikaner Sectors. Additional border fencing work to the extent of 387 Kms. in Jaisalmer and Barmer districts is under execu-